A free media? A gatekeeper in the public interest? Sinclair Broadcasting is more like the palace guard for King Bush.

How can a company that uses the public airways free of charge force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election? Is this free speech? Is this democracy?

It's rather like the Bush administration closing down Al Jazeera because they don't like it's reports on the war.

It's frightening that this is what our democracy has come to. The Federal Communications Commission has the responsibility to ensure that the media serves the public interest and not corporate interests alone. We, the middle class, pay for the FCC to serve us. As has been made absolutely clear lately, those corporations are paying precious little of the taxes that fund the FCC and governmental agencies like them.

Let's have public license renewal processes. Let's make them prove they serve the public interest. Thank you.